

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-51. (Canceled)

52. (New) A method of managing favorite channels relating to a user specified theme, the method comprising:

receiving inputs from a user specifying a theme for the favorite channels;

saving the theme on a computerized system associated with a television receiver in

response to receiving said inputs from the user;

searching available channels for content matching the theme;

detecting a match between said theme and content scheduled to air on a channel from

among the available channels; and

adding said channel to a favorites list in response to the detection of said match for the theme.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said favorites list is a first favorites list, the method further comprising:

providing a second favorites list based on usage habits of the user, wherein the

computerized system detects matches to be added to the second favorites list by monitoring the usage habits of the user;

wherein said first favorites list is based on the user specified theme and is independent of a number of times the available channels have been viewed.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said searching, said detecting and said adding are conducted automatically without user intervention after the theme is saved on the computerized system.

55. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said computerized system associated with the television receiver is part of a convergence system configured to receive television signals from at least one of a group of signal providers consisting of satellite television, cable television and terrestrial broadcast television.

56. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said inputs are first inputs, the method further comprising:

removing said channel from the favorites list after the content has aired, the channel being removed without user intervention.

57. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said inputs are first inputs, the method further comprising:

receiving second inputs from the user specifying a sub-theme further defining the theme for the favorite channels.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein said first inputs and said second inputs are selected from a list of content descriptors.

59. (New) The method of claim 54, said searching being conducted in an electronic program guide (EPG) database associated with said at least one of a group of signal providers in accordance with an update frequency.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the searching is conducted within a predetermined number of timeslots ahead of a current time.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said timeslots are each 30 minutes in length and the update frequency is no less than once every 30 minutes.

62. (New) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon for execution on a computer, the computer executable instructions comprising the steps of:

receiving inputs from a user specifying a theme for the favorite channels;

saving the theme on a computerized system associated with a television receiver in response to receiving said inputs from the user;

searching available channels for content matching the theme;

detecting a match between said theme and content scheduled to air on a channel from among the available channels; and

adding said channel to a favorites list in response to the detection of said match for the theme.

63. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein said favorites list is a first favorites list, the method further comprising:

providing a second favorites list based on usage habits of the user, wherein the computerized system detects matches to be added to the second favorites list by monitoring the usage habits of the user;

wherein said first favorites list is based on the user specified theme and is independent of a number of times the available channels have been viewed.

64. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein said searching, said detecting and said adding are conducted automatically without user intervention after the theme is saved on the computerized system.

65. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein said computerized system associated with the television receiver is part of a convergence system configured to receive television signals from at least one of a group of signal providers consisting of satellite television, cable television and terrestrial broadcast television.

66. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein said inputs are first inputs, the method further comprising:

removing said channel from the favorites list after the content has aired, the channel being removed without user intervention.

67. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein said inputs are first inputs, the method further comprising:

receiving second inputs from the user specifying a sub-theme further defining the theme for the favorite channels.

68. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 67, wherein said first inputs and said second inputs are selected from a list of content descriptors.

69. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 64, said searching being conducted in an electronic program guide (EPG) database associated with said at least one of a group of signal providers in accordance with an update frequency.

70. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 69, wherein the searching is conducted within a predetermined number of timeslots ahead of a current time.

71. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 70, wherein said timeslots are each 30 minutes in length and the update frequency is no less than once every 30 minutes.